

# Poll in Bethel favors Knowles

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BETHEL — A plurality — but not a majority — supported Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Knowles in a recent telephone survey of 50 people in Bethel.

The same poll also showed about the same number of people support the recriminalization of marijuana.

Only 40 percent in this traditionally Democratic stronghold said they would vote for the Democratic nominee, former Anchorage Mayor Knowles.

Almost as many, 36 percent, were undecided.

Republican candidate Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski of Anchorage drew 22 percent, and Alaskan Independence Party candidate Walter Hickel, 2 percent.

The survey, conducted for the *Tundra Times* and KYUK, took place Oct. 8 through Oct. 14.

In the poll, 42 percent supported the total ban on marijuana, and 38 percent wanted to continue to allow people to have up to four ounces of the substance.

The rest, 20 percent, were undecided.

State law permits up to four ounces of marijuana for personal use. The voter initiative, Ballot Measure No. 2, would ban the substance completely.

The survey results:

**Who is your choice for governor?**

Tony Knowles.....40 percent

Arliss Sturgulewski.....22 percent

Walter Hickel.....2 percent

Undecided.....36 percent

**Will you vote to ban marijuana completely?**

Yes.....42 percent

No.....38 percent

Undecided.....20 percent